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LESSON 1 [The Strolling Island' Magic School]

I WONDER WHY EVERYONE'S GATHERED ALL AROUND DOWN THERE LIKE THAT...?
OH!
HOO BOY
RENA--! WYN, SENIA--!
YOU THERE--! STOP THIS FOOLISHNESS AT ONCE!
!
WHO'S THAT UP THERE?!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP THERE LIKE THAT!?
HOW HORRIBLE-- SOMEONE PLEASE CALL HEADMASTER STEEL RIGHT AWAY!
WE'RE GONNA BE LATE! ELLLLL-IE!!

GREAT WEATHER TODAY!
THE BLUE STAR IS SO BEAUTIFUL LIKE THAT...
THERE'S NOTHING LIKE LUNAR ON A CLEAR DAY!

OH, IT'S THAT TIME ALREADY?
I'LL GET GOING TO THE LAB RIGHT AWAY!
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OH NO, OH NO
AAH!!
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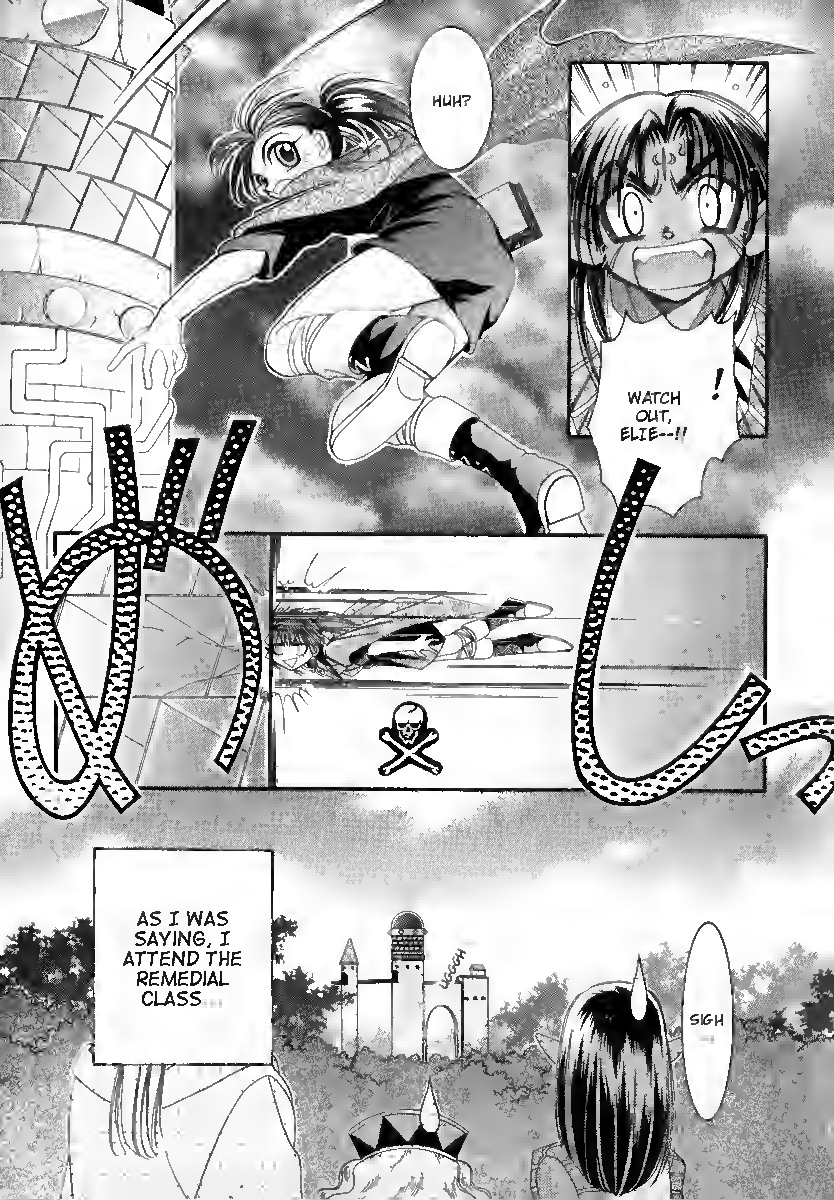
?
WELL, OUR CLASS IS THE MOST HIDDEN-AWAY ON CAMPUS.
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT...
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU PEOPLE? DON'T YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT GIRL?
I WAS SHOCKED MYSELF WHEN I FIRST SAW IT...

THAT GIRL CAN FLY IN THE SKY!
WHOA

THE MAGIC SCHOOL WHERE WE STUDY SITS ON THE ISLAND OF YEN, WHICH FLOATS OVER THE OCEAN.
THERE AREN'T ANY RULES OR SET CURRICULA WE STUDY AS WE LIKE
KIDS WHO WANT TO BECOME PROFESS-IONAL MAGICIANS
GATHER HERE TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN ABILITIES
UNDER THE TRAINING OF MANY DIFFERENT TEACHERS
BUT...


HUH?
WATCH OUT, ELIE--!!
!
AS I WAS SAYING, I ATTEND THE REMEDIAL CLASS...
SIGH...

DADIS'S MAKE-UP MAGIC LABORA-TORY
REALLY, ELIE, THIS'S HOW MANY TIMES NOW?
IT'S GETTING TO BE BEYOND MY POWERS TO FIX YOUR FACE!
AM I REALLY THAT UGLY
I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT SHE MEANT MAYBE YOU'D BETTER KEEP YOUR LIGHT HIDDEN UNDER A BUSHEL
UH-
OH, BOY
YOU HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON, ELIE-SAN! WE'VE ONLY JUST ENROLLED, AFTER ALL!
DON'T TALK DURING CLASS.

HEH... WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM THESE HICKS FROM THE STICKS?
"BE QUIET IN CLASS" 'S JES' COMMON SENSE!
CHOMP
YOU SHOULD FOLLOW MY LEAD A LITTLE...
GULP
YEAH! SHADDUP OVER THERE!
BUT WHY ONLY ME?
SHUT UP.
CHOMP CHOMP
HYAHAHAHA
"HICKS"?!?! WHERE DO YOU GET OFF CALLING BURG "THE STICKS"?!
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I'D REALLY LIKE TO GO AND SEE ELIE-SAN AND RENA-SAN'S HOME VILLAGE! ♡
♪ BUT EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE IS SO KIND, AND LIFE IS SO PEACEFUL!
BURG, HUH... BUT THAT REALLY IS THE STICKS, ISN'T IT?

WHAAAT !!
JUST TRY IT!!
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?! YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE TALKING ABOUT ME!!
WHO ELSE IS THERE?!
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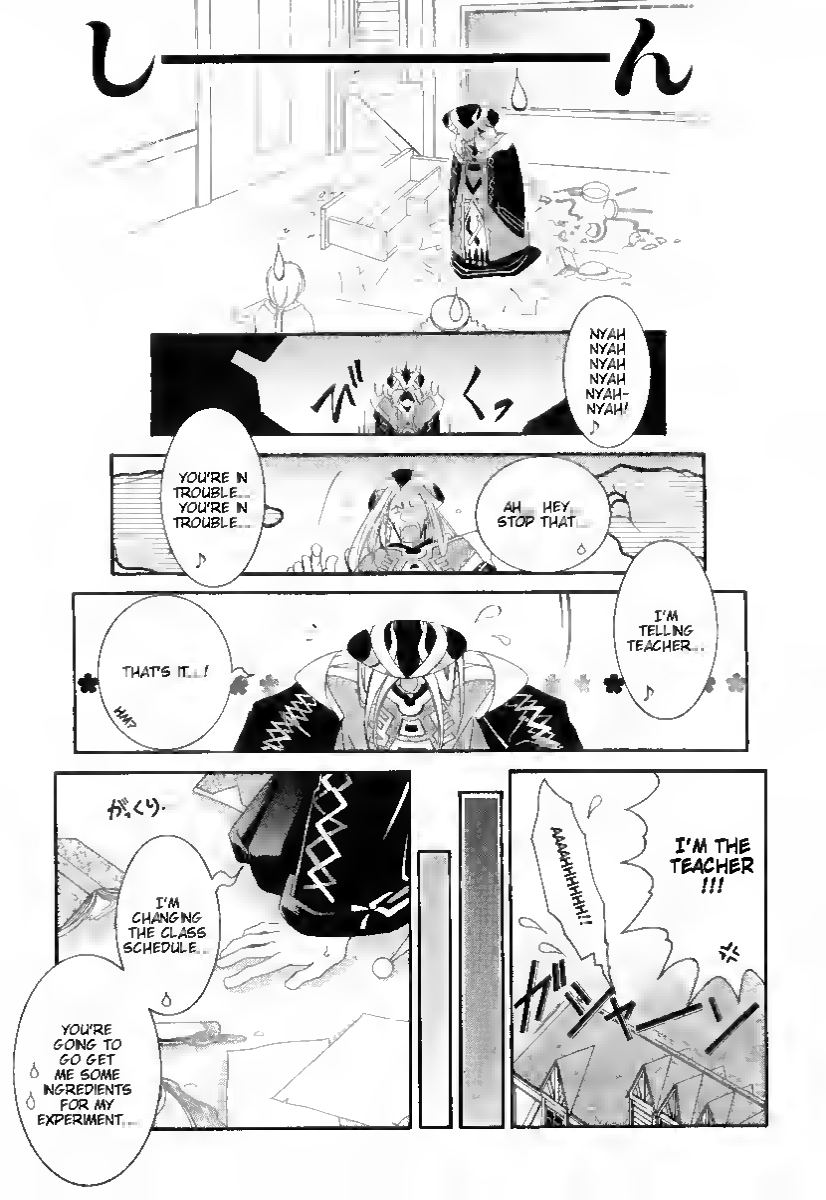
WHATTA CREEP!
AHHH
WITH ALL THAT RUNT'S FUSSING, MY LUNCH IS ALL GONE!
DO YOU EVER STOP ?!?!
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THIS IMPORTANT EXPERIMENT OF MINE, YOU'LL ALL BE INSTANTLY EXPELLED--!!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NYAH NYAH NYAH NYAH NYAH-NYAH! ♪
YOU'RE IN TROUBLE... YOU'RE IN TROUBLE... ♪
AH... HEY STOP THAT...
I'M TELLING TEACHER... ♪
THAT'S IT...! HM?
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I'M CHANGING THE CLASS SCHEDULE...
YOU'RE GOING TO GO GET ME SOME INGREDIENTS FOR MY EXPERIMENT...
AAAAHHHHH!!
I'M THE TEACHER !!!
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OHHH... THE ANTENNAE OF THE GIANT SLUGS WHICH LIVE IN THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGES, IS THAT RIGHT?
ALL RIGHT! I'LL GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT!
HEH WE'LL BE THE ONES WHO GET THE JOB DONE!
C'MON, RICK, KULE!
ALL RIGHT !!
OUTTA MY WAY!
WAIT, PLEASE!
LET'S GO!!
TIGHT SQUEEZE
SIGH...

A FORCE FIELD OVER YEN PREVENTS OUTSIDE MONSTERS FROM ENTERING.
BUT MONSTERS ARE ALLOWED TO RUN LOOSE IN THE FORESTS AND UNDERGROUND PASSAGE-WAYS SO THAT THE STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO TRAIN.
THE MONSTERS CAN'T LEAVE THEIR PROPER PLACES.
AND EACH AREA IS SUPPOSEDLY HOME TO A DIFFERENT TYPE OF MONSTER
H..

YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS, RENA?
NATURALLY! WE'RE HERE TO BECOME "MAKE-UP" EXPERTS!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW, SENIA, THEN WHY DID YOU COME TO THE LAB IN THE FIRST PLACE?
WHAT IS THIS "MAKE-UP MAGIC", ANYHOW?
I DON'T SEE HOW RUNNING AROUND GETTING STUFF FOR MASTER DAIS TEACHES US ANYTHING!

UM RENA-SAN, MAKE-UP MAGIC IS ACTUALLY...
A MAGIC THAT INVOLVES DRAWING PATTERNS ON PEOPLE AND THINGS
THAT BEQUEATH THEM SPECIAL POWERS
THE NAME "MAKE-UP" IS DERIVED FROM THE FACT THAT SO MANY OF THE LINES ARE DRAWN ON ONE'S FACE

OH, WYN, JUST LIKE YOU...
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING THAT WE ASK THAT YOU CAN'T ANSWER, IS THERE?
I WONDER WHAT THEIR INTENTIONS WERE IN COMING HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE
HUH--
THAT'S WHAT IT IS ?!?!
AAAAAAAAAAHHH--
PROBABLY NOT TO STUDY SOME MORE...
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?!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE THOSE THREE IDIOTS!
IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING H..PPENED TO THEM!

!
RICK!
KULE!
...WHAT WAS YOUR NAME AGAIN?
IT'S ANT! ANT?! THESE GUYS' LEADER!
SHUT UP, PUNCH! I DON'T NEED YOU TO HEAL ME, SO I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY!
WHA-- PU-PU-PU- "PUNCH"?!
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EWWWWWWW! DISGUSTINGGGG--
SENIA-SAN, IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO CAST POWERFUL SPELLS DOWN IN HERE...
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE SURROUNDED!
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HUH--?! WHADDAYA MEAN?!
I MEAN IN SUCH SMALL QUARTERS
DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD
HIIII--
THEY'RE COMING!

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EEK
...

RENA! TAKE CARE OF HIM!
OK!
!
ELIE--
OOF--
GRRR
FLAME--!!

YOU OK? YOUR FOOT--
THANKS!
IT'S NOTHING!
THERE'RE SO MANY MORE, THOUGH...
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THIS IS NO WAY TO GET THE INGREDIENTS WE NEED!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS. THE REST OF YOU, PLEASE GATHER THE ANTENNAE.
GOT IT!
ずるる..

WIND!!

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE CAN GET OUT...

LOOKIT ALL THESE--
COOOOL, WYN' YOU'RE LIKE A CHEF!
WHOA--
THIS'S NO TIME FOR CONGRATU-LATIONS
IF WE DON'T COLLECT THESE QUICKLY, THE SLUGS WILL...

I'M GONNA TAKE 'EM ALL OUT!!
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THE HELL WITH IT!! SLUGGSLUGGS LUGGSLUGS EVERYWHERE YOU GO-- DAMN PESTS...
NO, SENIA-SAN! YOU'LL COLLAPSE THE CAVE!
NO--!! IF YOU DO--
THUNDER!!

EH?

WHEW...
WOW, WE ESCAPED JUST IN TIME! COOL, COOL--
NOT COOL!
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO PULL!?
AT THIS RATE, WE'LL FLOAT AWAY!
NOO-OOO--!

YOU'RE EXPELLED.
SCHOOL NURSE
SHUT UP!!
BUT WE GOT ALL THE INGREDIENTS YOU WANTED
HUH--?!
BOO
SORRY, TEACHER
BOO
NOW, NOW, MASTER DADIS...

WHY DON'T YOU LET THIS SLIDE JUST ONCE?
YOU'LL ALL BE PLACED WITH ANOTHER TEACHER WHILE MASTER DADIS GETS BETTER... SPEAKING OF WHICH...
OH MISS EMMA WELL, IF YOU INSIST, I SUPPOSE I CAN
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もぢ"
.....
HUH?

UHHHHH...
UHHHHH...
My beautiful fasaaace
And they'll have to heal, too...
YOUR FRIENDS HAVE WOUND UP HERE AS WELL
BUT,
UHHHHH...
Hu Hu Hu
SO YOU'LL REALLY NEED TO BE BETTER BEHAVED FROM NOW ON
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OH, NO...
O OK
ANYWAY,

WE GOT AWAY.
THIS'S YOUR FAULT, SENIA!
I WONDER WHERE WE'LL END UP AND WHAT'LL HAPPEN TOMORROW?
SOB SOB SOB
THERE WASN'T ANY OTHER WAY TO GET OUT OF THERE!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
AND OUR LIVES AT THE MAGIC SCHOOL
HAVE ONLY JUST STARTED!

LAST TIME, WE LEVELED MASTER DADIS'S LABORATORY WITH A GIGANTIC BLAST OF ENERGY.
AND WE JUST BARELY ESCAPED EXPULSION FOR IT...
WE'RE BEING PLACED WITH ANOTHER TEACHER UNTIL THE LAB IS REBUILT.
IS THIS IT?..
THE HALL OF SWORD MAGIC...

LESSON 2 [The Man's Labyrinth and Combination Magic]

SO, WHY DO WE GIRLS HAVE TO COME TO THIS SWEATY PLACE?!
IN ANY CASE, MASTER IASON SAID HE'D BE HERE. IF HE IS,
THE PEOPLE HERE ARE CONFRONTATIONAL
MAYBE HE'LL LET US APPLY...
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OVER THERE?!
HEYYY-- WHADDAYA THINKING YOU'RE DOING,
OH!
WHA-?
AGH--
BUMPING INTO PEOPLE WITHOUT EVEN SAYING "EXCUSE ME" ?!
EH

I THOUGHT I SAID YOU WERE IN MY WAY
THIS ISN'T A PLAYGROUND! SCRAM, KID!
HMPH
WHAT?!
HOLD ON, YOU
ISN'T YOUR ATTITUDE A LITTLE MUCH?

HUH?
PROBLEM CASES?!
WELL, WE CAN'T DENY
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU'RE DADIS'S PROBLEM CASES, AREN'T YOU?
MY NAME IS BLADE.
MASTER IASON IS WAITING.
FOLLOW ME

ARE YOU THE ONE CALLED ELIE?!
UM...
WHAT'S WRONG? COME FORWARD...
Y...YES...
MASTER IASON IS ASKING ELIE! YOU SHUT UP!!
YOU CAN DO IT, ELIE!! YOU PULLED ALL THREE OF US UP BEFORE--
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD TAKE ME UP?
THEY SAY YOU CAN FLY.
Hmph.

WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE--?!
YEAH, MR. BIG SH--
RENA-SAN, SENIA-SAN, WE HAVE TO BE CIVL--
PLEASE CONTINUE, TEACHER
MM. TO TELL THE TRUTH, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF DEVELOPING A NEW "COMBINATION MAGIC", THE IASON LAUNCHER
"Combination magic"?
AND FOR THAT, I NEED YOUR ABILITY TO FLY.
My ability...
...is useful to someone!?

WILL YOU LEND ME YOUR POWER?
YES!
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I'LL DO MY BEST!
OUR TARGET IS THAT TREE OVER THERE
GOT IT!
WELL, THEN, LET'S GET GOING!
YES!
LET'S TRY IT RIGHT NOW!
ALL RIGHT!
HUH

LET'S GO!
MM!
NOW, SWOOP DOWN ON THE TARGET! RELEASE ME WHEN WE ARRIVE!
YES!
WAH--
OH--
YOU FOOL!! NOT SO SOON--

IT'S POWERFUL SKILL... BUT KIND STUPID...
AAA AAA SEN-SEI!!!!
ベキ ベキ
AT LEAST WE SEEM TO BE DEVELOPING A PATTERN...
BAH-- BUT THIS MEAN FAILURE MEANS NOTHING!!
ONCE MORE!
YES!
YES, SENSE!!
UMMM... BLADE-SAN?
WHAT?
SO FAR, MASTER JASON SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ONLY WITH ELIE-SAN...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO IN THE MEANTIME?
AND ANT AND HIS CREW HAVEN'T COME ALONG YET, EITHER...

WHAT?!
I WAS TOLD BY SENSEI TO LOOK AFTER YOU...
A MAN IS STRONG
WITH BIG MUSCLES!
AND IF YOU MEAN THOSE MOUTHY LITTLE BRATS, THEY WENT OFF TO THE NURSING STATION A LONG WHILE AGO...
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SUCH HORRID PLANS...
THE FIRST THING I'LL DO IS WHIP YOU WEAK-WILLED PANSY INTO SHAPE
SOMEBODY STOP HIM!
SO PREPARE YOURSELF!!

AND DO YOU INTEND TO DO THE SAME THINGS WITH US GIRLS THAT YOU SAID YOU'D DO WITH WYN HERE?!
RE... RENA-SAN...
TO A WOMAN ?
YOU? A WOMAN?
HA?!
YOU'RE SOME POOR EXCUSE FOR A WOMAN, WITH THAT FLAT A CHEST!
THAT DOES ITTTT!!
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT?! YOU GOT IT!!
SO SOOO LONG...
GAA--
MEANWHILE, BACK TO THESE TWO...
AGAIN! AGAIN-NNN
YES-- SENSEI!

HM?
LET'S TAKE A SHORT BREAK
huff huff
Where're they going?
GAAASP
YES SENSEI
ALL RIGHT, PEOPLE!
IF YOU'RE REAL MEN, YOU WON'T TURN BACK!!

WA--
HEY, YOU GUYS! WHATRE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?!
ELIE!
HIDDEN WITHIN
THIS DUNGEON
IS A SPECIAL MAGIC--

OWWWW
"OWWWW" NOTHING!! GET OFF ME--!!
AAAAAAAHH! YOU CAN'T HAVE LOCKED ME IN HERE TOO!!
I'VE ALREADY GONE IN THERE!! I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE AGAIN!!
WHAT WAS THAT!?
THAT COULDN'T HAVE MEANT THAT YOU WERE GOING TO WAIT OUTSIDE, DID IT?!
YOU MAKE YOURSELF OUT TO BE SO TOUGH, BUT YOU'RE REALLY JUST SCARED, AREN'T YOU?!
NOW, STOP IT, YOU TWO--
WHAT--

WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT! YOU CAN'T TAKE ANYTHING SERIOUSLY BUT YOU PROBABLY DON'T THINK ANYTHING THROUGH SERIOUSLY IN THE FIRST PLACE...
SHUT UP!!
UM...
SHE'S USELESS!!
IF SHE'D GOTTEN THE COMBINATION MAGIC RIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE,
SHE WOULD'VE BEEN LOOKING AFTER YOU BRATS, AND THEN WE WOULDN'T'VE GOTTEN STUCK IN HERE!!
Because of me...
I... I THINK YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR...
GASP
OR WAS IT SOMETHING ELSE? DID YOU SCREW UP ON PURPOSE JUST BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO HOLD SENSEI IN YOUR ARMS?
GASP

IS SOMETHING WRONG?
ELIE?
Because of my unique ability to fly...
IGNORE HIM HE'S JUST JEALOUS THAT HE'S NOT HOLDING "SENSEI" IN HIS ARMS ANYHOW, LET'S LOOK FOR THE EXIT
YES, LET'S
WHAT DID YOU SAY ABOUT ME?! WHAT--?!
I FEEL NOTHING BUT THE UTMOST RESPECT TOWARD MY PURE, ENLIGHTENED SENSEI
HEY, YOU!! AREN'T YOU LISTENING TO ME--
SORRY
NOW, LET'S GO!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF MONSTERS ARE HERE!
YOU'RE ALL DRAGGING YOUR FEET!
BACK TO THE GRIND

THIS IS QUITE A LARGE DUNGEON.
MY STO-MACH'S GROW-LING ...
I'M BEAT ...
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THAT'S IT! JUST A LITTLE FURTHER! KEEP AT IT!!
GASP
GASP
GASP
GASP
HUH?
NOW, LOOK! THERE'S THE EXIT!

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYTHING'S HERE!
Ohh Thank You
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE LET OFF SCOT-FREE
HUH?
IT'S NOT THAT EASYYYY --!!

AAAA-AHH--
Kyaa--
YOU MORON!! WE CAN'T RETREAT!!
!?
THERE'S SOMETHING INSCRIBED HERE!
HMMM
ALL RIGHT! YOU FIGURE OUT WHAT IT IS!
THE REST OF US WILL FIGHT!!
FLAME !!
THUNDER !!

Magic Doesn't Work!!
!?
DAMMIT! YOU'RE ALL ABSOLUTELY USELESS!

HUH?
!
DAMN!--
BLADE!
GAH--

YOU--
YOU ALL RIGHT?!
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SHU
DON'T THINK I NEED YOUR HELP!
SHUT UP!
HOW DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO OPPOSE THAT THING?
THAT SWORD'S BROKEN.

NEITHER MAGIC
NOR PHYSICAL ATTACKS WORK AGAINST THAT MONSTER
I KNOW THAT!
BUT
WHAT ABOUT COMBINATION MAGIC!?

I do need someone else's help...
THE IASON LAUNCHER...?
CAN WE TRY IT OUT?
ELIE!?
BLADE!
WHAT!?
THIS POWER...

INTE-
REST-
ING
...THIS
BLADE
GIMME
ALL YOU
GOT!!
MY
SWORD
!!

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WE
WE DID IT!
I GOT IT, EVERYONE--!
IT SAYS, "YOU MUST BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS!"
THIS SURELY REFERS TO COMBINATION MAGIC!
TOO LATE ...
SIGH...
WYN, C'MON!

I WAS WRONG.
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HUH?
ALL RIGHT! A MEAL, A MEAL!
BANZAIIII !!
♪
IT'S SO GREAT TO BREATHE FRESH AIR AGAIN!
WHAT... I SAID ABOUT YOU BEING USELESS...
Blade.
THE DOJO'S THIS WAY.
LET'S HEAD BACK.
IT WASN'T RIGHT.

"YOU MUST BELIEVE IN YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS"
THAT'S WHERE IT ALL STARTS, RIGHT?
SORR-RRY!
AFTER ALL, THE REAL USELESS ONE IS THIS GUY HERE, RIGHT?
P.S.
I NATURALLY HAVEN'T HAD MUCH LUCK WITH MASTER IASON...
Sorrrr

C'MON, RENA! HURRY! HURRY!
WAIT A MINUTE--! I CAN'T RUN LIKE YOU; MY HAT'LL FALL OFF!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR SLEEPING LATE, RENA!
AND ON TODAY OF ALL DAYS...

LESSON 3 [The Island of Mermaids and Barrier Spells]
THIS IS THE DAY THAT YEN DOCKS WITH MERIER, THE ISLE OF THE MERMAIDS, IN THE MERMAID SEA
OUR FIELD-TRIP DAY. WHEN WE GO OUT TO EXAMINE NATURE LIFE AND OTHER CULTURES!
RENA-SAN! ELIE-SAN! GOOD MORNING!
YOU'RE LATE!

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HE SAID HE'D BE BUSY WITH HIS SWORD TRAINING
WELL, IT'S HIS CHOICE NOT TO COME MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TO ME!
HUH? WHAT ABOUT BLADE?
WELL? WHAT SHOULD WE DO? WE'RE FREE TO SET OUR OWN AGENDA FOR THE ENTIRE DAY...
AHA! DON'T MAKE UP YOUR MINDS YET!
I KNOW THE BEST WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE LOCAL CULTURE! AND THAT'S THROUGH FOOD!!
ALL RIGHT!!
SO I'VE DECIDED TO MAKE A GRAND ISLAND TOUR OF MERIER'S TASTY TREATS!!

YUM, YUM YUM...
MMMM-MMMMM
DELISH, DELISH!
IT'S REVOLTING TO EAT THAT MUCH!
WHERE DOES SHE PUT IT ALL IN THAT TINY BODY ??
TINY? THAT'S A CHEAP SHOT!
UM YOUR BILL COMES TO...
THIS IS BAD... THIS IS REALLY BAD!
WE WERE EACH GIVEN ONLY 50 SLVER'S WORTH OF POCKET MONEY.....
I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN RUN AWAY QUICK ENOUGH...
OH--!
NO! DON'T DO THAT! THAT'S ALL WE NEED!
!!!

THAT'S RIGHT, WYN. YOU ATE HARDLY ANYTHING.
HERE WE GO! WE CAN USE THIS IN PLACE OF MONEY.
UM... NO
I ATE A LITTLE...
THAT'S NOT A MAGIC STONE, IS IT?! !?
NO! YOU CAN'T GIVE UP SOMETHING THAT EXPENSIVE...
WHAT IS THIS, WYN?! I KNOW WE'RE SHORT OF MONEY BECAUSE I ATE SO MUCH! ARE YOU SAYING I CAN'T PAY FOR THIS MYSELF?!
WHAT...
!? WHAT DO YOU ---?
YOU PROBABLY WERE PLANNING ON GETTING RID OF THAT STONE ALL ALONG, WEREN'T YOU!? YOU'RE MAKING A FOOL OUT OF ME!
RENA-SAN!!?

I WILL PAY FOR WHAT I ATE!
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING SO HYSTERICAL FOR, RENA HOW WOULD YOU EVEN START TO RAISE THE MONEY?
WELL, AREN'T THERE DISHES TO BE WASHED HERE OR SOMETHING ?!
THAT'S ALL WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE NOW
NOTE: SHE'S NOT AN UNREASONABLE PERSON
YOUR VOICES WERE RATHER RAISED, SO I OVERHEARD ALL YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT!
YOU'RE FROM YEN, RIGHT?
SINCE YOU SO COMPLIMENTED OUR CUISINE BY EATING SO MUCH OF IT,
I'LL OVERLOOK ALL THIS AND KEEP IT A SECRET FROM MAMA
SHHH--
JUST-- DON'T SAY I DID ANYTHING LIKE THIS!
RYUUKE !

I'LL HELP TOO--
WYN IT'S FINE!!
WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO THE ISLAND WITH ANT?!
RE... RENA-SAN...
WHERE IS ANT...?
ALL RIGHT WILL YOU HELP ME COLLECT SHELLS?
SURE!
THEN WE'LL HELP, TOO!
SENIA!
I'M ELIE!
RENA! PLEASED TO MEET YOU
I'M SHELA!
THE PLEASURE'S MINE!

I I'M SORRY THAT RENA SAID SOME HORRIBLE THINGS...
NAH... IT'S NOT...
WYN
ELIE-SAN

WHERE ARE RENA-SAN AND THE OTHERS?
REALLY...
ON THE BEACH NEXT TO US, COLLECTING SHELLS.
THEY'RE PRETTY MUCH JUST FOOLING AROUND, THOUGH
Umm...
AH, WYN...
YES?
I... I WONDER IF EVEN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL ISLAND AS THIS IS PRONE TO ATTACK BY THE VILE TRIBE...

SINCE I WAS YOUNG, I WAS MADE TO STUDY MANY THINGS...
I KNEW IT ALL AS LONG AS IT WAS RESTRICTED TO SPELLS.
BARRIER MAGIC
SUMMONING MAGIC
ALL I KNOW IS BOOK-LEARNING...
THESE CORNY WORDS OF MINE
DO YOU THINK RENA-SAN WOULD LISTEN TO THEM?
...BUT MERELY BEING ABLE TO WIELD THOSE MAGICS ISN'T POWER TO ME
NO
LIKE YEN, THE WHOLE OF MERIER ISLAND IS PROTECTED BY A HUGE BARRIER
THERE'S NO NEED FOR WORRY.
HMMM... I WONDER...
...I...
WELL, ME AND RENA... WE CAME TO YEN BECAUSE WE WANTED TO BE ABLE TO PROTECT OUR HOME BURG FROM MONSTERS!
I THINK RENA'D LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT BARRIERS AND STUFF TOO...!
THEN SHE'D BE BEST OFF MAKING GOOD USE OF THE LIBRARY...
SO WE ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT SO MANY AND DIFFERENT NEW THINGS!
HUH?!
SHIVER

"WHICH WAY LIES THE FUTURE UPON WHICH YOUR HEART IS TRULY SET?"
"LOOK TO YOUR PRESENT SELF!"
"THINK THAT YOU'RE NO GOOD, AND, SURE ENOUGH, THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL WIND UP."
"WHETHER OR NOT YOU TAKE THAT FIRST STEP,"
LIKE SO.
SOMEONE TOLD ME THAT A LONG TIME AGO...
DID IT EASE YOUR MIND A BIT?
YEAH!
"THE FUTURE IS COMING WITHOUT FAIL."

RENA--! IT'S DANGEROUS TO BE SITTING OUT THERE LIKE THAT!
IT'S OK. I CAN SWIM
RENA! LOOK!
I FOUND A RARE ONE!
WHOA IT'S PRETTY!
IT'S PRETTY TO LOOK AT, BUT ITS FLAVOR IS REALLY ITS MAIN ATTRACTION IT'S TOP-RATE!
Wow...
HUH?

Ahhhaaaaaaa
!?
WHAT WAS THAT?!
LET'S GO SEE!!
A MERMAN ATTACKED OUT OF NOWHERE!
I CAN'T USE ANYTHING BUT LIGHTNING MAGIC, SO I'M POWERLESS!
HOW CAN THIS BE?!
WE'RE INSIDE THE BARRIER!
ELIE-SAN, IT APPEARS WE HAVE A BREACH HERE.
HUH?
A BREACH?

The great energies that envelop Van and Merlan don't come together!
THE PART WHERE THE TWO ISLANDS MEET.
THE TWO BARRIERS MUST'VE NEGATED EACH OTHER AROUND THE AREA WHERE THEY CONVERGE.
GR--AH
AN ANYHOW, WE--
WE HAVE TO SAVE THOSE TWO!!
ELIE--!
ELIE--!!

HURRY--
HANG IN THERE!!
RENA!?
RENA-SAAAAN--!!!

YOU HAVE TO SAVE HER!
RENA CAN'T USE ATTACK MAGIC!
BUT HOW?
WYN!?
RENA-SAN!!
AM I IN TIME?!

JUST A LITTLE MORE!!
OUTTA THE WAY!!
I CREATED IT USING WIND MAGIC! WE CAN BREATHE, BUT ONLY FOR A LITTLE BIT!
W... WYN...? WH...T? THIS... SP...ACE...
GASP
cough
HACK

I have
to cast the barrier!
IT'S NO USE, EVEN IF WE DO ESCAPE, THEN, ISN'T IT? THEY'LL JUST FOLLOW AND GATHER ON THE SHORE.....
RENA
WYN!
RENA-SAN! STAY WITH ME!!
...WYN... MY BREATH IS...
IT'S UP TO ME!
CAN I DO IT?!

IN THE NAME OF GODDESS ALTHENA, MISTRESS OF ALL LIFE,
I SHALL PURGE THE DARKNESS FROM THIS LAND!
ALL UPON THE EARTH THAT IS GOOD, PURE, AND TRUE I CALL UPON THEE TO GUIDE ME!
BESTOW YOUR BLESSING UPON THIS LAND AND ALL WHO DWELL UPON IT!
I WON'T GIVE UP!!
FOR THE SAKE OF THE FUTURE BEFORE US!
HEAVEN AND EARTH PURIFICA-TION!!
!

The silence has been broken...
THEN IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF TIME, ISN'T IT...
HO
A BARRIER, IS IT...
IDIOT!
WHY DID YOU LET GO OF MY HAND THAT TIME!?
I'M SORRY
WHEW_

SINCE YOU REALLY DIDN'T HAVE MUCH AT THE RESTAURANT...
I WANTED TO GET SOMETHING FOR YOU TO EAT...
FOR WYN...
MY...
WHAT!? ALL THIS FOR A "YUMMY SHELL", RENA!? YOU RISKED ALL THAT FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GLUTTONY!?
I DROPPED IT...
THIS...
I'M SORRY...
...ABOUT THAT TIME...
THANK YOU
FOR SAVING ME
OH, GOOD GRIEF!
IN THE END,

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THIS TRIP WAS FRUITFUL, BUT
THIS ONE-DAY SCHOOL FIELD TRIP, BOTH PAINFUL AND JOYFUL, CONCLUDED SAFELY.

SO...
THERE WERE SOME DIFFICULTIES, BUT HE DID AWAKEN, AS PER MY INTENTIONS?
WELL, THAT'S ALL RIGHT
IN A WAY
THIS COULD PROVE, SHALL WE SAY, INTERESTING, NO?

ELIE

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MONSTERS ARE CROPPING UP MORE AND MORE LATELY...
HEY, AZU! THE CHIEFTAIN'S CALLIN' FOR YOU!
I'M COMING RIGHT AWAY.
Senia.

LESSON 4 [Youth and my Hometown]

SIGH...
AS USUAL, IT'S LIFE IN THE FAST LANE IF YOU CHOOSE TO RUN WITH RENA!
RIGHT, SENIA?!
GREAT WEATHER, HUH--?
NOTHING BETTER TO DO ON DAYS OFF...
THAN TO EAT MY FILL OF YUMMY FOOD!
IS THERE ANY DAY WHEN YOU DON'T EAT YOUR FILL?
WHAAAAA--!?! THE PUNCH TRIO!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING PEEPING IN THE KITCHEN OF OUR SACRED GIRLS' DORM?
AHAH! AND THIS WAS OUR FIRST APPEARANCE AFTER SUCH A LONG TIME

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SENIA? YOU LOOK DOWN!
THAT'S REALLY RARE FOR YOU.
DID YOU EAT SOME SPOILED FOOD?
THE TRUTH IS,
YEN'S GOING TO BE PASSING BY MY HOME-TOWN VERY SHORTLY

HEEEY, THAT'S GREAT!
ARE YOU GOING TO GO VISIT HOME? WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET PERMISSION!
NAAH
I DON'T WANNA GO BACK...
HUH--? WHY?
SENIA!

MISS EMMA!
YOU HAVE A VISITOR!
HE'S WAITING FOR YOU AT THE DOCKS!
WHAT
IT CAN'T BE!
FFENNNA?
(SENIA?)
YES?
OH... SAY, MISS EMMA?
THOSE THREE JERKS ARE LYING DOWN BELOW, SO IF YOU PLEASE...?
AYE YAI YAI...
KUN?
ARE YOU ALWAYS EATING...
WHOA... WHAT'S WITH THAT GIRL...
CHOMP CHOMP
IN ANY CASE, LET'S GO AFTER HER!
WAIT A MINUTE! SENIA--!

A...
AZU...?
HUH
GASP
GASP
SENIA
SENIA.
YOU'RE COMING BACK WITH ME TO THE VILLAGE.
YOU'VE COME TO SEE ME?!

YOU'RE GOING BACK AND MARRYING YOUR FIANCé
.....
AZU...
YOU'RE THE SELFISH ONE, SENIA
WHY ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING SO SELFISH!?
IT'S BY ORDER OF THE CHIEFTAN YOU HAVE THE SCHOOL'S PERMISSION TO--
IF THAT'S SO, YOU KNOW WHAT MY ANSWER'S GONNA BE TO THAT!
WHA... WHAT IS THIS?! WHY DID YOU GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO COME HERE TO TELL ME THAT?!
HEY... WHAT'S GOING ON WITH SENIA?
WELL... SHE DOESN'T TALK ABOUT HERSELF, SO EXCEPT FOR HER BEING A BEASTMAN, I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT HER...

LEAVING THE VILLAGE WITHOUT SAYING A WORD LIKE YOU DID!
YOU'RE THE CHIEFTAIN'S SUCCESSOR! WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'D DO IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO YOU!?
I DON'T KNOW! I AM WHO I AM!
ARE YOU SAYING THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME LIVING BY MY OWN FREE WILL!?
OWWWWW--!
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OW...

BLABBERMOUTH, IT'D BE MORE ACCURATE TO DESCRIBE ME AS YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW...
IT'S OK THERE'S NO REASON TO HIDE ANYTHING, AND...
HE'S AZU HE'S LIKE A MEDDLING BIG BROTHER TO ME
ELIE... RENA...
SORRY DIDN'T MEAN TO EAVESDROP...
TA-HA-HA! YEAH, THAT'D BE MORE ACCURATE...
Eh?
AZU
I'LL SAVE FACE FOR YOU I'LL GO BACK FOR THE TIME BEING
"Running away"..
BUT--
SENIA!
NOT BECAUSE OF MY FATHER'S ORDERS.
Is not an answer.

EH?
WHY DO THEY HAVE TO RIDE ALONG, TOO?
AAAAH CUT IT OUT!!
WHAT--!!
I'M HERE BECAUSE I DIDN'T REALLY ENJOY MYSELF AT THE SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS WE'VE HAD SO FAR! I GOT SPECIAL PERMISSION WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT?!
SHEESH GIMME A BREAK! C'MON--
--DO AS I SAY.
SENIA
PLEASE! LET'S ALL GO TOGETHER!
BE POLITE, OR I WON'T GO BACK.

Marriage... I sure think it's too soon for her, but...
BUT EVEN IF YOU'RE BOTH WITH ME, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP.
IT'S OK! YOU'LL BE NERVOUS IF YOU'RE ALONE!
!
SO SO THAT'S THE WAY IT IS...

SENIA-ONEE-CHAMA! YOU CAME BACK!
MISS SENIA!
OH! ... BIG SIS SENIA!
WHOA... SENIA, A LADY...?
HEH HEH... "MISS SENIA", IS IT?
QUIET IN THE PEANUT GALLERY...
I'M BACK! EVERYONE DOIN' OK?
SENIA
WELCOME BACK
FATHER!
YEAH!

THESE'RE MY FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL!
ELIE AND RENA!
HONORED...
THE ONES WITH YOU?
HMPH
HUMANS...
WHAT'S THAT?! YOU DON'T SEEM VERY HOSPITABLE TO ME!
RENA!
AZU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TROUBLE.
SENIA, LET US GO SPEAK OF THE MATTER AT HAND.
WAIT! I WANTED TO BE WITH AZU AND EVERYONE...

AZU
I ASK YOU TO SHOW THE VISITORS AROUND THE VLLAGE
YES
FATHER!
THIS IS A TRIBAL MATTER
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SPEAK WITH HUMANS PRESENT
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO ONE-SIDED?!
SENIA !!!!
...I'M SORRY ...ELIE, RENA ...LATER, HUH?
Y YEAH
PRETTY BAD, HUH, SENIA
YOU GONNA JUST STAND THERE?
FOLLOW ME.

SAY, WHY IS EVERYBODY CLOSING UP THEIR DOORS AND WINDOWS AND STUFF?
I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND TOWN, BUT IT'S REALLY NOTHING SPECIAL...
NOW, NOW...
I'M NOT THE JERK HERE. HE'S THE MOST OBNOXIOUS GUY I'VE MET OUTSIDE OF BLADE.
BECAUSE MONSTERS ARE ATTACKING FROM THE NORTH FOREST, THAT'S WHY.
AND TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT WHEN THE BLUE STAR DISAPPEARS FROM THE SKY...
MAKE NO MISTAKE. HE'LL COME TONIGHT.

"HE"?
THE GIANT MONSTER THAT HAS BECOME A MENACE TO THIS ENTIRE REGION!
SO IT LOOKS LIKE VILLAGES ALL OVER ARE EXPERIENCING THE SAME PROBLEM
HEY! LOOK, ELIE!
A STATUE OF ALTHENA!
THAT'S RIGHT. THE BEASTMEN WORSHIP ALTHENA AS WELL
ALTHENA GAVE LIFE TO EVERYTHING ON LUNAR SHE'S THE MOTHER OF ALL,
NO MATTER WHAT ONE'S RACE.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHY ARE YOU THE ONLY HUMAN IN THIS VILLAGE?

IT'S NO CONCERN OF YOURS!
IT IS OUR CONCERN !!
WE NEED TO KNOW HOW TO CHANGE THE CHIEFTAIN'S PREJUDICED ATTITUDE TOWARD HUMANS!
HUMANS ...
IF HE HATES HUMANS SO, THEN IT'S ONLY NATURAL TO WONDER WHY YOU'RE HERE IN THE VILLAGE!
I...
MY PARENTS WERE SLAUGHTERED BY A MONSTER IN THAT FOREST.
EVEN NOW, IT'S STILL ETCHED IN MY MEMORY, NEVER FADING... THAT SCENE...
MAMA!
MAMA!
AZU! RUN AWAY !!

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AZU!

!?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT THERE?
HEY!
A HUMAN
A HUMAN CHILD, CHIEFTAIN!
DOES THAT MATTER? WE CAN'T LEAVE HIM HERE!
IT'S NOT THAT THE CHIEFTAIN HATES HUMANS.
AND NOW THAT I'M NO LONGER A HELPLESS CHILD, I'M LEAVING THE VILLAGE
ONLY

"ONLY"?
THE GULF BETWEEN THE RACES IS WIDER THAN YOU THINK.
WOULDN'T YOU BE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT GETTING CLOSE TO SOMEONE OF THE VILE TRIBE?
...OF COURSE, BUT...
IT'S DIFFERENT WITH THE VILE TRIBE THAN IT IS WITH HUMANS AND THOSE OF THE OTHER RACES!
...IT'S THE SAME
IN A SENSE.
I'M A RESIDENT OF THIS VILLAGE,
BUT I CAN NEVER BECOME A BEAST-MAN.
AND THAT'S THE WAY THINGS ARE.
BLOCKHEAD!!
FINE!

WHAT'S WRONG?
HOW'D THE TALK GO?
SENIA!
HE SAID FOR ME TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL...
...FOR ME TO MARRY MY BETROTHED.
NO ONE WOULD LISTEN TO A THING I SAID!
SENIA!
BANA IS A GOOD, TRUSTWORTHY GUY! THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO FAULT IN HIM AS A POTENTIAL PARTNER!
AZU... EVEN YOU SAY SUCH THINGS?
SENIA, I...

JERK!!
AZU, I HATE YOU!!
SENIA!
"JERK"?
CAN'T YOU FIGURE OUT THAT IF SENIA'S CRYING, MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S IN A DESPERATE SITUATION!?
WHY COULDN'T YOU HAVE OFFERED HER AT LEAST ONE KIND WORD!?
LET ME TELL YOU SOME-THING...
SENIA'S BEEN A CRYBABY FROM WAY BACK...
always at my heels, crying enough for both of us...

BUT...
SURELY, SENIA CARES FOR YOU...
DON'T SAY IT!!
I'M LEAVING THIS VILLAGE.
ONCE I DESTROY MY PARENTS' NEMESIS THE THING THAT CONTINUES TO RAVAGE THIS VILLAGE
AND RETURN TRUE PEACE TO THE VILLAGE
THERE'LL NO LONGER BE ANY REASON FOR ME TO STAY HERE.

THERE IS A PROBLEM!! WHAT ABOUT SENIA?!
SHUT UP!! THIS IS ALL FOR SENIA'S SAKE!!
BUT THEN, WHAT REASON WILL YOU HAVE TO LEAVE?
IF I'M LEAVING VOLUNTARILY, I DON'T SEE THE PROBLEM
Just as we thought
e fell into our trap
WELL! HE REALLY IS AS MUCH OF A JERK AS I THOUGHT HE WAS!
HE CAN'T HELP IT.
I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY TO YOU

IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN YOU'RE ALL BY YOURSELF...
IT'S HARD...
ELIE...
IF THE ANSWER IS GETTING AZU TO COME TO TERMS WITH HIS FEELINGS...
THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY WAY TO...
DO THAT IS THERE?
OF COURSE THERE IS!
FOR THOSE TWO
THERE'S STILL HOPE!

WHATSA MATTER, AZI-NICHAN?
OH, I WENT OUT HUNTING AND JUST GOT HURT A LITTLE BIT!
I'M SORRY...
I CAN'T USE HEALING MAGIC...
WHAT'RE YOU APOLOGIZING FOR, SENIA...
I SAID IT WASN'T ANYTHING HORRIBLE...
NEXT TIME I'M GOING HUNTIN' WITH YOU!
AND THEN YOU'LL BEAT UP ALL THOSE BULLIES, AZI-NICHAN!
...I SEE...
WELL, THEN, I'LL MAKE YOU A PROMISE...
I'LL BECOME STRONGER THAN ANYONE
AND TRY TO PROTECT YOU, SENIA!
SO, SENIA,
DON'T CRY FOR MY SAKE!

AZU...
I'M SO SORRY FOR ALL THIS TROUBLE!
YOU WILL MARRY YOUR BETROTHED.
MM!
AZU-NIICHAN!

THAT GIRL'S LOCKED HERSELF UP IN HER ROOM...
OH, NO PROBLEM AT ALL!
IF ANYTHING, WE'RE THE ONES WHO'RE INCONVENIENCING YOU!
SORRY FOR THAT...
SENIA HOW DOES SHE DO AT THE SCHOOL?
DON'T WORRY!
OH, YEAH! SHE'S THE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC OF US ALL!
IT SEEMS TO MAKE HER HAPPY
BUT AS SOON AS AZU ARRIVED, SHE INSTANTLY BECAME A "GIRL"!
IT WAS SO SURPRISING!
THAT GIRL'S FEELINGS...
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM THERE'S NO REASON FOR THEM

AZU'S ALWAYS DONE ALL HE CAN FOR OUR VILLAGE...
BUT...
AND I MYSELF HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH HIM...
CAREFUL, IT'S DANGEROUS...
I DON'T HAVE THE POWER TO BRING THOSE TWO TOGETHER.
I...
CAN ONLY PRAY THAT THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THOSE TWO CHILDREN CAN GO BACK TO THE SMILING FACES
OF THE OLD DAYS...

I'M GOING TO GO DO SOMETHING, RENA
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
THAT WAS DELICIOUS-
I CAN'T EAT ANOTHER THING--
AHH--
AHHH, I'M SO HAPPY
HUH? BUT WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
THE ISSUE OF AZU ISN'T SETTLED YET, IS IT?
AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S FACING A STRONG ENEMY BESIDES... I'LL GOING TO TRY TO HELP HIM
THAT MAY BE, BUT IF THINGS KEEP ON IN THE DIRECTION THEY'VE BEEN GOING,
IT'LL PROBABLY ONLY MAKE SENIA CRY MORE!
YOU SHOULDN'T HELP THAT CREEP WHO MADE SENIA CRY!
WHAT --!?
YOU'RE LIKE A MOTHER YOU'RE TOO SOFT-HEARTED HE'LL PROBABLY JUST GO AHEAD AND DO WHAT HE WANTS ANYWAY
...I'LL EXPLAIN, OK, RENA?...

RENA!
I SUPPOSE ...SO...
I GUESS WE'RE STUCK DOING THIS, THEN
WELL THEN I, RENA, WILL LEND A HELPING HAND!
SURE...
AND ACT AS THEIR MATCH-MAKER OF LOOOOOOVE!
WHERE'RE YOU GOIN'?
!?
CHON ELE!
ALL RIGHT! NEVER HESITATE TO DO GOOD!!
A GIRL OF ACTION IN TIMES OF CRISIS, THAT'S RENA!!!

SENIA!
WHAT --
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I'M SORRY. I MADE YOU WORRY.
BUT I JUST HAD TO CLEAR MY MIND.
YOU'RE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS.
YOU CAN'T BE GOING OUT, TONIGHT OF ALL NIGHTS!
DIDN'T AZU TELL YOU?
WELL, WELL...
HEH HEH...
...WHAT DO YOU KNOW? SPIT IT OUT!
WHAT'S HE PLANNING?! TELL ME!
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THIS'S RECKLESS, AZU!
WHAT'RE YOU THINKING, TRYING TO TAKE HIM DOWN ALONE!?
WITH A BOWGUN, EVEN WORSE!?
YOU CAN'T DEAL HIM A MORTAL BLOW WITH THAT!
...WON'T KNOW UNLESS I TRY...
WHAT ARE YOU RUSHING SO FOR, AZU...
...FOR SENIA'S SAKE?
BANA.

HOW COULD HE ...WHY?
I can't let him go to his death!
WHA-AAAT!?!?
HE REALLY SAID THOSE THINGS?!
Y-YEAH
ELIE! RENA!
I'M GOING TO STOP HIM!
UH-HUH!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, SENIA! THIS'S ALL BECAUSE OF AZU!
GIRLS!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
GO BACK HOME!!

GOTCHA !!
WHEN I'M DONE WITH MY BUSINESS, I'LL RETURN HOME RIGHT AWAY!
THANKS FOR KEEPING YOUR EYES PEELED!
hmm?
WELL SHE SEEMS SO CAUGHT UP IN WHATEVER SHE'S DOING, IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY USE TO TRY AND STOP HER
AND THERE'S NO WAY HE'S GOING
TO ATTACK RIGHT AWA--

I'LL BE HONEST.
I THINK YOU'RE A BETTER MATCH FOR HER THAN ME...
AND SO I--
"AND SO"...
WHAT...

IF YOU WANT THERE TO BE TRIBAL HARMONY...
AND THERE'S NO TRIBE AMONG THEM THAT ISN'T HOSTILE TO HUMANS
THIS AREA IS DOTTED WITH A GREAT NUMBER OF BEASTMAN VILLAGES.
It's imperative no matter what to choose the path most conducive to--
THE ONE WHO MARRIES HER MUST BECOME THE FUTURE LEADER OF THIS TRIBE.
I'M AWARE THAT I'M NO GOOD BECAUSE I'M A HUMAN!
HAVE ANY-THING TO SAY NOW !?!?

!
WHAT'S WRONG, SENIA?
HERE...
This place...
AZU--
OH! THERE YOU ARE!

CAN YOU SEE SOMETHING FROM HERE?
A SMALL BOAT GOING YOUR WAY OR SOMETHING?
SO, AZU. YOU LIKE IT HERE, HUH?
NOTHING'S GOING MY WAY
I DON'T SEE
ANY-THING AT ALL
That's it, of course...

That was the day before I learned that my father wanted to betroth me...
WHAT?!
I can't stay here.
...I'VE NO OTHER PATH LEFT TO ME.
This is all because I ran away to Yen.
If I do, I'll steal Sonia's very home from her—
SLAY-ING HIM
IS ALL THAT'S LEFT FOR ME...
I'm sure the others blamed him for my leaving...
AZU WAS TOLD BEFORE I WAS!!
! AZU ...?

...I LEAVE SENIA IN YOUR CARE.
AZU!
Thank goodness! I made it in time!
AZU!
SENIA... HOW...

DON'T GET MAD AT THEM, PLEASE!
OF COURSE WHO ELSE? I'VE HAD TO DO SOMETHING!
YOUUU...
IN ANY CASE, AZU,
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO BE ALONE! IF YOU FIGHT, WE'LL ALSO...
GET AWAY
HUH?
Rain.2

!
GET AWAY !!

EVERY-ONE!
BACK TO YOUR HOMES!! TAKE COVER!!
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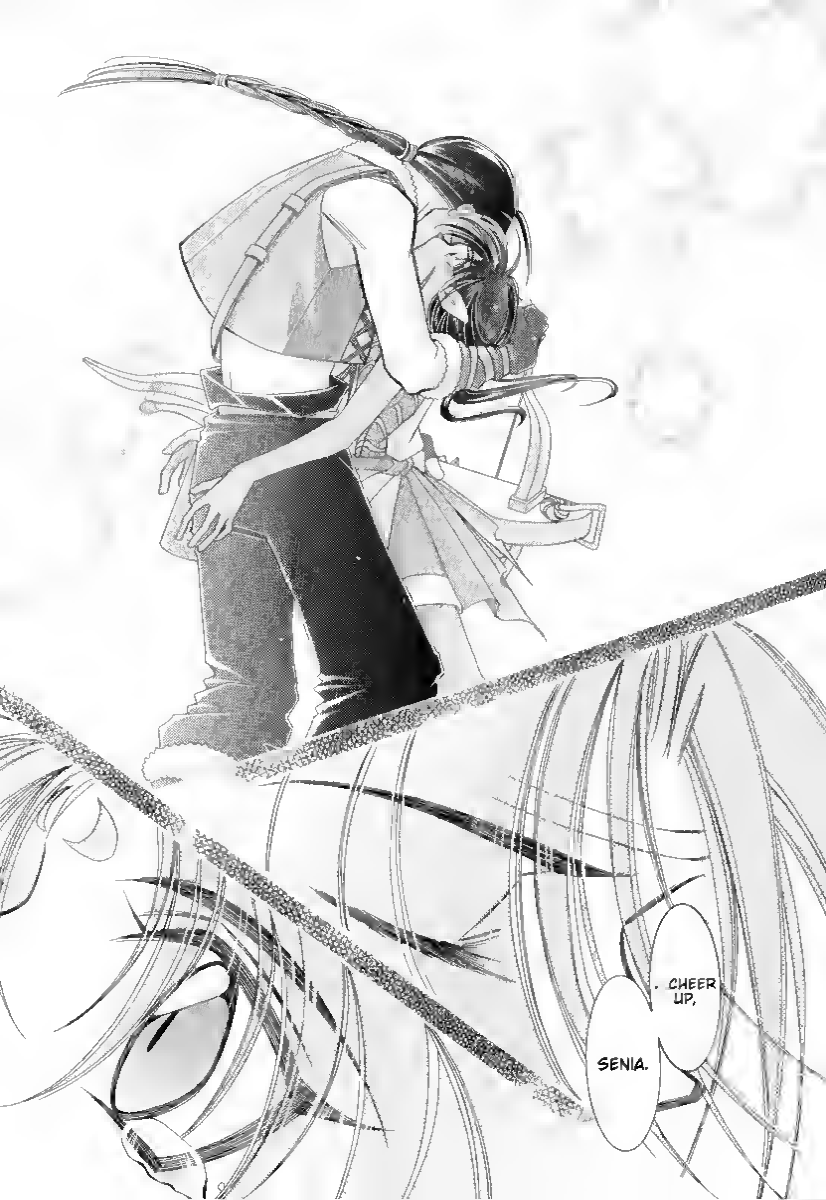
I AM GOING TO LURE THAT THING INTO THE FOREST.
BANA. YOU TAKE CARE OF THE VILLAGE.
AND GET REVENGE !!
AZU!?
STOP!!
PLEASE —
AZU.


CHEER UP, SENIA.

AZU!
UGH
I'll make you a promise.
OVER HERE, BEAST!
!?
I'll become stronger than anyone.

Go
IT'S HORRIBLE, CHIEFTAN.
BANA!
AZU HAS...
don't cry for my sake!
A
AZU--!!
And try to protect you, Senia!

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, SENIA!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME OR PLACE TO CRY!
WE HAVE TO GO HELP HIM RIGHT NOW!
A-AZU...
UHH
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO, YELL AT AZU FOR DYING!?
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN HIM, WHAT'LL HE DO!?

AZU...
SENIA!
NO
NO, I CAN'T JUST WAIT HERE
SENIA?
...Cheer up, Senia...
GOOD!
SENIA!
WE'RE HEADED FOR THE FOREST.
FATHER
LEAVE THE MATTER OF AZU TO US.
WAIT HERE IN THE VILLAGE.

I can't cry...
ELIE
RENA
I promised Anju...
I'M COMING, TOO.
SENIA!
WHAT SORT OF IDIOTIC THINGS ARE YOU SAYING!?
THEY'VE NO INTEREST IN THIS! THERE'S NO NEED FOR THEM TO GO OUT OF THEIR WAY AND SUFFER IN THIS!
WHAT'S MORE, YOUR FRIENDS ARE OUTSIDERS
YOU'D ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO DO SOME-THING!?
YOU THINK THAT IF YOU CAME ALONG
FATHER!

WE DON'T NEED "REASON" TO GO.
STILL PIG-HEADED, HUH, CHIEFTAIN?
What...
WE WANT TO HELP AZU. WE WANT TO SEE SENIA SMILING AGAIN THAT'S ENOUGH!
EVEN IF IT'S A HOPELESS SITUATION, WE STILL HAVE TO TRY TO DO SOMETHING ANYTHING!
MAYBE SO!
THIS IS PURE RECK-LESSNESS!
BUT
IF WE DON'T MAKE A MOVE NOW,
I THINK WE'LL WITHOUT A DOUBT REGRET IT.

HOW POWERFUL HAS THAT DEMON BECOME?
THE STORIES FROM THE PEOPLE WHO'VE ENCOUNTERED IT--
Is this what one calls courage...
...ALL RIGHT.
Genia.
You have good friends.
LET'S GO!!

HAH
HA
HA
HAH
HA
HA
Is he invulnerable even to Death itself?
Even he
must have a weak point!

AZU!
!?

AZU!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
AZU!
SENIA
EVERYONE...
WHY...
TAKE A REST! WE'LL TAKE OVER!
ALL RIGHT!
HIS GUARD IS DOWN! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO ATTACK!
RIGHT!
Every-one...
What!? That feeling just now...
WAIT!
EVERY-ONE!
HOLD STILL! I'M GOING TO STOP THE BLOOD!
"WHYYY"?
BUT WE HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE HERE, TOO!
FOR US, THE MONSTER IS AN ENEMY IT IS OUR DUTY TO DEFEAT!
RIGHT-RIGHT
CAN'T LET YOU HOG THE GLORY ALL FOR YOURSELF!

AAAA-
AAA--
HE
ELECTRO-
CUTED
THEM!!!

CHIEF-TAIN...
EVERY-ONE...
RENA--
HE'S ALL RIGHT! HE'S TAKEN A LOT OF DAMAGE, BUT I CAN DO SOMETHING!
FLAME !!
Is this the result of my running off alone!?
DAMMIT--
MY FIRE SPELL.....
HE'S COMING BACK!
Don't we have any other cards to play!?

It looks like he absorbs lightning attacks.
If that's so, then I...
He probably can't be defeated through direct attacks.
BUT--

I CAN'T LET IT END LIKE THIS!!
NO!! They won't make it in time!
STOOOOPPP --!!

HUH...?
LIGHT!

...YEAH!
THEY DID IT, ELIE!!
I WAS REALLY SO SCARED...
...THEY DID IT..
the monster seemed to hesitate---
...just now
could it have been at my will....?
NOW--- LET'S HEAL YOU ALL UP!
♬
Please
AZU!

IT'S OVER
IT'S FINALLY OVER
Mother...
Father...
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SENIA ?
AZU..
YOU'RE NOT GOING... ANYWHERE.
THE ONLY PLACE YOU'RE GOING
IS BACK TO OUR VILLAGE.
INDEED.

UNTIL NOW, I HAVE BEEN MADE TO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROTECTING THE ENTIRE TRIBE.
--I THOUGHT I WAS CHOOSING THE RIGHT AND JUST PATH.
BUT THE VILE TRIBE'S POWER HAS GROWN FAR STRONGER AS OF LATE.
FROM NOW ON, I THINK WE MUST JOIN FORCES WITH THE HUMANS.
AZU!
CHIEF-TAIN!
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FATHER!
WHEW
FORCING EVERYONE TO VENTURE OUT TONIGHT..
WITH EVERYONE INCLUDING MYSELF IN OUR PRESENT CONDITION,
I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO GO BACK TO THE VILLAGE
Ow It still smarts.
Ahh Yai Yai

AND IF THAT IS TO HAPPEN, WE WILL NEED ONE WHO CAN BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN HUMANS AND BEASTMEN.
FATHER?
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HOW ABOUT IT, AZU?...
AZU!
BANA?
WILL YOU REMAIN IN THE VILLAGE TO ACT AS A LIAISON?

SENIA...
WILL YOU STAY WITH ME...
ALWAYS?
A...

AZU!
WE'RE SO HAPPY FOR YOU, SENIA!
THANKS!
HA HA HA!
I JUST SAID YOU COULD STAY IN THE VILLAGE. YOU'RE JUMPING THE GUN HERE.
BUT IT'LL BE SAD NOT HAVING YOU THERE AT SCHOOL...
FATHER.
AZU.
YEAH
I'M... I'M SORRY!

SENIA!
AND SO IT'S A MOST PRECIOUS PLACE TO ME
I'VE MET IRREPLACEABLE FRIENDS THERE,
I... WANT TO STAY THERE UNTIL I GRADUATE
AT FIRST... THE MAGIC SCHOOL WAS NOTHING MORE TO ME THAN A PLACE TO RUN AWAY TO, BUT
YES!
DO YOUR BEST
I'LL BE WAITING!
...I UNDER-STAND,
.....HIS WAY,

THE ANXIETY WE FELT IN COMING TO THE VILLAGE HAS DISSIPATED--
WE WERE ABLE TO RETURN TO YEN WITH SMILES ON ALL OUR FACES.
LEAVE IT TO US!
TAKE CARE OF SENIA FOR ME!
SIGH THIS OUTING WAS SOOOO EXHAUSTING AS USUAL, HUH?
WELL, YOU WERE ESPECIALLY BUSY THIS TIME AROUND, WEREN'T YOU, RENA?
YOU MUST BE REALLY A HARD WORKER!
SOOOO, SENIA, HOW ON EARTH WILL YOU BE ABLE TO WAIT FOR GRADUATION?
HEH, HEH, HEH.
WELL, YOU HAVE WYN AT THE SCHOOL, DON'CHA?
WH-WHAAAAA-- WHAT MADE YOU BRING UP HIS NAME--
DON'T BE SHYYYY!! DON'T BE SHYYYY!!
♬
WELL! --I'LL LET YOU OFF THIS TIME!
KYA--

INTEREST-ING...
...HM-MMM
SO, THE GIRL WITH THE ABILITY OF FLIGHT, SHE'S THE ONE, IS SHE?
THEN I BELIEVE I MUST ASCERTAIN THIS MATTER WITH MY OWN EYES
CONTINUED IN VOLUME 2

THIS IS NOT MY FIRST PROJECT OF THIS TYPE, BUT I REMEMBER FEELING ANXIOUS ABOUT BEING PUBLISHED IN A BOYS' MAGAZINE, THINKING, "BUT I'VE BEEN CORRUPTED BY SHOUJO MANGA THROUGH AND THROUGH!", AND SO I PUT MY PEN TO PAPER WITH GREAT TREPIDATION <G>.

I DREW THE FIRST VOLUME SO THAT EACH CHARACTER WOULD HAVE THE CHANCE AT A STARRING ROLE AS THE MANGA PROGRESSED, BUT FROM THE SECOND VOLUME ON, THE DRAMA THAT HAD BEEN BUILDING UP THROUGHOUT VOLUME 1 WILL UNFOLD AND, AT LAST, THE ORIGINAL HEROINE, ELIE-CHAN, THEN WILL EMERGE!

I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT! IN CLOSING, I'M TRULY GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO HELPED ME THROUGHOUT MY EXPERIENCE IN DRAWING UP THIS BOOK I BEG YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. I HOPE I'M ABLE TO SEE ALL OF YOU READING BACK HERE FOR VOLUME 2! SEE YA!

HELLO. PLEASED TO MEET YOU. I'M HIROKO TOUDA. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BUYING THIS MANGA! AND TO ALL OF YOU WHO BORROWED THIS BOOK TO READ IT, I'D BE VERY HAPPY IF YOU BOUGHT A COPY <G>

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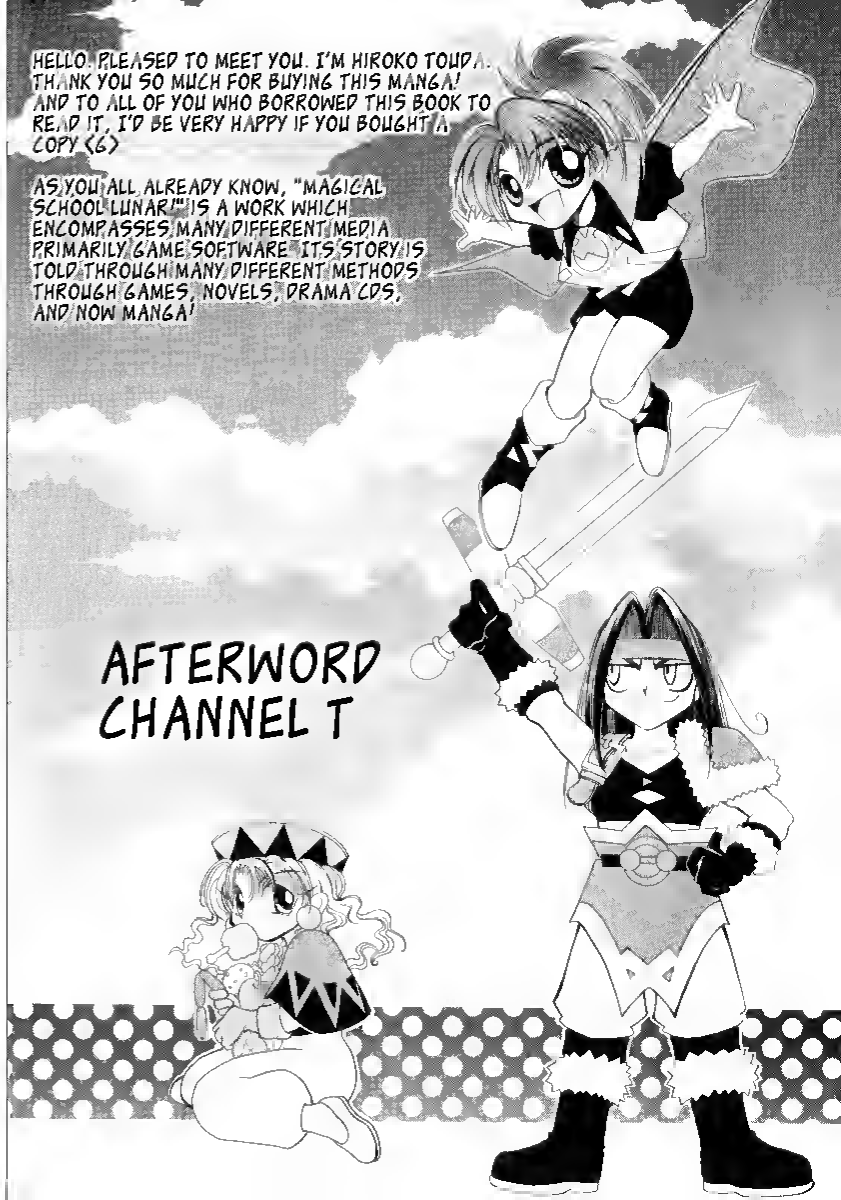

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